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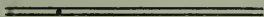
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TO THE BODMIN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the Year 1945.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (in acres)—3,311.

Population—5,402.

Number of inhabited houses end of 1945 according to the rate books—1,255.

Rateable value—£28,493.

Sum represented by a penny rate—£117-8-10.

Social Conditions.

The town is residential one having no large industries. It is the shopping and marketing centre for the surrounding agricultural district, and a good centre for tourists and holiday makers.

Extracts from vital statistics of the year.

	M.	F.	Total
Live Births	38	29	67
Legitimate	31	24	55
Illegitimate	7	5	12

Birth rate per 1,000 of the population 12·4

Still births—Nil.

	M.	F.	Total
Deaths—	40	44	84

Death-rate per 1,000 of the population—15.5.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age—

	M.	F.	Total
	0	4	4

All were legitimate.

Death rate per 1,000 live births—59.5.

The chief causes of death were premature birth and congenital malformations.

There were no deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough, or of children under 2 years of age from Diarrhœa.

There were no deaths from Puerpural Sepsis or other maternal causes.

The chief causes of death were—

Cancer	...	9 deaths.
Heart disease	...	31 „
Cerebral Hæmorrhage		16 „
Pneumonia	...	4 „
Nephritis	...	5 „

Comparison of Birth and Death rates with those of England and Wales :—

		England and Wales.
Birth rate	...	13.4 16.1
Death rate	...	15.5 11.4
Infantile death rate		59.5 46

General provision of Health Services.

Medical Officer of Health—J. H. Hobling, (part time Officer) who is also Medical Officer of Health for the Wadebridge Rural District, Examining Factory Surgeon and Public Vaccinator.

Sanitary Inspector and Borough Surveyor—R. T. Buscombe. He is an Associate of the Royal Sanitary Institute.

Ambulance Facilities.

The St. John's Ambulance Society have a Motor Ambulance stationed in the town with a trained and efficient voluntary personnel available in the case of accidents and for the transport of cases of ordinary illness but not for infectious cases for which there are Special Ambulances stationed at the County Isolation Hospital, Truro.

Nursing in the Home.

This is done by District Nurses supplied by the County Nursing Association.

There is a Maternity Clinic and Child's Welfare Centre.

Hospitals.

The Bodmin and East Cornwall Voluntary Hospital is situated in the town and treats Medical and Surgical cases in the Borough and surrounding district.

The County Isolation Hospital, Truro, deals with Infectious cases.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply.

There has been no general shortage in the district but in some of the higher parts of the town pressure is reduced below a reasonable figure owing to insufficient size of the mains. As stated in previous reports storage capacity would appear to be insufficient for the size of the town. The lack of pressure is likely to prove detrimental to building operations more especially in the higher parts of the town.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

No extensions of the existing system have been carried out during the year.

Certain works are necessary at the Disposal works, but owing to lack of labour and materials these repairs have had to be postponed.

Scavenging.

House Refuse is regularly collected and disposed of by controlled dumping and the system has worked satisfactorily throughout the year.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Routine inspections of dairies, cowsheds, and retail food shops have been carried out and no major faults have been found.

The slaughtering of animals for food for the whole of the district is carried out in a central Government slaughter house. This system makes efficient inspection possible

Housing.

No new houses have been erected but plans have been prepared and it is hoped to make an early start at the Green Lane Housing Estate.

Notifiable diseases (other than Tuberculosis during the year.)

Disease.	Total Cases notified.	Total Deaths.
Dysentery	58	0
Diphtheria	5	0
Measles	4	0
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1	0
Acute Polio-Myelitis	1	0
Erysipelas	1	0

The cases of Dysentery were all in the County Mental Hospital.

The Diphtheria cases were all adults employed at the Mental Hospital.

The Council pay a fee of 2/6 for each injection for Diphtheria immunization of children under sixteen years of age.

Tuberculosis.

New cases and mortality during the year—

Two cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified both males, one aged 58 years, one aged 22 years.

There were two deaths of females from Respiratory Tuberculosis.

No action was taken under the Public Health Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations, 1925, relating to persons suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis engaged in the milk trade, or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, relating to the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from Tuberculosis.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. HOBLING,

Medical Officer of Health.

